

REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected claims 21-28 under 35 USC §112, first and second paragraphs. Specifically, the Examiner states that the claim limitation "functional fragments" is not sufficiently supported by the specification to enable one of ordinary skill in the art to make or use the invention as claimed. Moreover, the Examiner states that the specification does not provide an adequate written description of "functional fragments" of the B7-2 protein.

The Applicant has amended claim 21 to delete the limitation ". . . or a function fragment of said B7-2 protein or said immune modulator." Therefore, the Applicant respectfully asserts this case is now in condition for allowance.

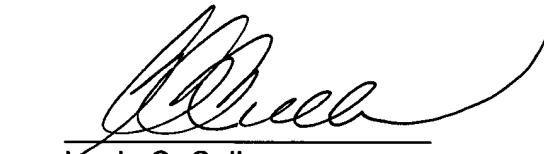
CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, all claims presently on file in the subject application are in condition for immediate allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

If it is felt for any reason that direct communication with applicants' attorney would serve to advance prosecution of this case to finality, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the below listed telephone number.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may be required in connection with this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 50-1329.

Respectfully submitted,



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